



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A point of sale system comprising:

at least one computer having a computer readable medium with instructions stored thereon to provide

a reservation feature having a customer information section and an equipment information section, wherein the customer information section and equipment information section display information pertaining to reservations; and

a payment section having a cash section, check section and a credit card section, wherein upon entering credit card information in the credit card section and activating the credit card section, credit authorization is obtained for a charge;

wherein said ~~system~~ computer is operatively coupled to the internet for communicating to or from one or more retail locations the information pertaining to reservations.

2. (Currently Amended) A point of sale system comprising:

at least one computer having a computer readable medium with instructions stored thereon to provide

a rental feature having a customer information section and an equipment information section, wherein the customer information section includes information pertaining to a customer, and the equipment information section includes information pertaining to the equipment that the customer is interested in renting; and

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a payment section having a cash section, check section and a credit card section, wherein upon entering credit card information in the credit card section and activating the credit card section, credit authorization is obtained for a charge;

wherein said ~~system~~ computer is operatively coupled to the internet for communicating to or from one or more retail locations the information pertaining to the customer and the information pertaining to the equipment the customer is interested in renting.

3. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 2 further comprising a transfer feature having an equipment information section that prompts for information pertaining to equipment that is the subject of a transfer.

4. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 2 further comprising a return feature having an equipment information section that prompts for information pertaining to equipment that is being returned and a payment section for payment of a rental fee associated with the equipment returned.

5. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 2 further comprising a reporting feature that reports a status to a user.

6. (Currently Amended) The point of sale system of claim 5 ~~further comprising~~ wherein the reporting feature can provide a closing report having a list of all transactions processed for a specified day.

7. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 6 wherein the closing report includes a contract number, a method of payment, an amount received, and an amount refunded.

8. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 5 further comprising an inventory report having a list of the equipment available for rental.

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9. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 5 further comprising a reservation report having a list of customers who have made a commitment to rent equipment.

10. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 5 further comprising an equipment due report having a list of equipment that is out on rental.

11. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 5 further comprising a refund report having a list of refunds that have been provided to a customer for a specified date.

12. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 11 further comprising a marketing section having a marketing message related to the moving equipment rental business.

13. (Currently Amended) A point of sale system comprising:
at least one computer having a computer readable medium with instructions stored thereon to provide

a customer information section that stores and recalls customer information;
an equipment information section that stores and recalls information pertaining to a transaction; and
a rental feature that processes the rental transaction;
wherein said ~~system~~ computer is operatively coupled to the internet for communicating to or from one or more retail locations the customer information and the information pertaining to the transaction.

14. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 13 wherein the rental feature displays a rental rate for an equipment identified equipment information section.

15. (Currently Amended) The point of sale system of claim 13 wherein the rental feature ~~includes~~ can provide a printable rental agreement.

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16. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 15 wherein the rental agreement includes the terms of the rental transaction.

17. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 15 wherein the rental agreement includes an itemized list of charges.

18. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 13 further comprising a credit card payment section which, upon activation, obtains credit card authorization.

19. (Currently Amended) A point of sale system on a network, the network having at least one computer-server for communicating with users, said system comprising:

a computer network having at least one computer server for communicating with users and a computer readable medium with instructions stored thereon to provide a rental feature having a customer information section and an equipment information section, wherein the customer information section includes information pertaining to a customer, and the equipment information section includes information pertaining to the equipment that the customer is interested in renting; and

a payment section having a cash section, check section and a credit card section, wherein upon entering credit card information in the credit card section and activating the credit card section, credit authorization is obtained for the charge;

wherein said ~~point of sale system~~-server is operatively coupled to the internet for communicating to or from the users the information pertaining to the customer and the information pertaining to the equipment the customer is interested in renting.

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20. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 19 further comprising a transfer feature having an equipment information section that prompts for information pertaining to equipment that is the subject of a transfer.

21. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 19 further comprising a return feature having an equipment information section that prompts for information pertaining to equipment that is being returned and a payment section for payment of a rental fee associated with the equipment returned.

22. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 19, further comprising a reporting feature that reports a status to a user.

23. (Currently Amended) The point of sale system of claim 22 ~~further comprising wherein the reporting feature can provide~~ a closing report having a list of all transaction processed for a specified day.

24. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 23 wherein the closing report includes a contract number, a method of payment, an amount received, and an amount refunded.

25. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 22 further comprising an inventory report having a list of the equipment available for rental.

26. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 22 further comprising a reservation report having a list of customers who have made a commitment to rent equipment.

27. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 22 further comprising an equipment due report having a list of equipment that is out on rental.

28. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 22 further comprising a refund report having a list of refunds that have been provided to a customer for a specified date.

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29. (Original) The point of sale system of claim 28,further comprising a marketing section having a marketing message related to the moving equipment rental business.

30. (Withdrawn) A method of processing a point of sale transaction, comprising the steps of:

providing an internet-based browser system having a customer information section, an equipment information section and a payment processing section;
entering customer information into the customer information section;
entering into the equipment information section information pertaining to equipment that the customer is interested in renting;

entering payment information in the payment processing section, wherein the payment processing section includes a credit card authorization feature that, upon activation, contacts a credit authorization service, obtains authorization and prints out a receipt to be signed by the client.

31. (Currently Amended) A point of sale system, comprising:
a computer-server operatively coupled to the internet for communicating with one or more retail locations;
a computer readable medium having instructions stored thereon to provide a rental feature and a payment section; said rental feature having a customer information section and an equipment information section, wherein the customer information section includes information pertaining to a customer, and the equipment information section includes information pertaining to the equipment that the customer is interested in renting; and

said payment section having a cash section, check section and a credit card section, wherein upon entering credit card information in the credit card section and activating the credit card section, credit authorization is obtained for the charge;

wherein the information pertaining to the customer and the information pertaining to the equipment the customer is interested in renting can be communicated between the computer-server and the one or more retail locations.

32. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 31, wherein said computer server is configured to further include a transfer feature having an equipment information section that prompts for information pertaining to equipment that is the subject of a transfer.

33. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 31, wherein said computer server is configured to further include an equipment information section that prompts for information pertaining to equipment that is being returned and a payment section for payment of a rental fee associated with the equipment returned.

34. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 31, wherein said computer server is configured to further include a reporting feature that reports a status to a user.

35. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 34, wherein said reporting feature comprises a closing report having a list of all transaction processed for a specified day.

36. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 35 wherein the closing report includes a contract number, a method of payment, an amount received, and an amount refunded.

37. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 34 wherein said reporting feature comprises an inventory report having a list of the equipment available for rental.

38. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 34 wherein said reporting feature comprises a reservation report having a list of customers who have made a commitment to rent equipment.

39. (Previously presented) The point of sale system of claim 34 wherein said reporting feature comprises an equipment due report having a list of equipment that is out on rental.

40. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 34 wherein said reporting feature comprises a refund report having a list of refunds that have been provided to a customer for a specified date.

41. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 31 wherein said computer server is configured to further include a marketing section having a marketing message related to the moving equipment rental business.

42. (Currently Amended) A point of sale system comprising:
a server operatively coupled to one or more remote browsers ~~an internet based browser system;~~

a computer readable medium having instructions stored thereon to provide a rental feature and a payment section;

said rental feature having a customer information section and an equipment information section, wherein the customer information section includes information pertaining to a customer,

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and the equipment information section includes information pertaining to the equipment that the customer is interested in renting; and

 said payment section having a cash section, check section and a credit card section, wherein upon entering credit card information in the credit card section and activating the credit card section, credit authorization is obtained for the charge

 wherein the information pertaining to the customer and the information pertaining to the equipment the customer is interested in renting can be communicated between the server and the one or more remote browsers.

43. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 42, wherein said instructions further provide a transfer feature having an equipment information section that prompts for information pertaining to equipment that is the subject of a transfer.

44. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 42, wherein said instructions further provide a return feature having an equipment information section that prompts for information pertaining to equipment that is being returned and a payment section for payment of a rental fee associated with the equipment returned.

45. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 42, wherein said instructions further provide a reporting feature that reports a status to a user.

46. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 45, wherein said reporting feature comprises a closing report having a list of all transaction processed for a specified day.

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47. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 46 wherein the closing report includes a contract number, a method of payment, an amount received, and an amount refunded.

48. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 45 wherein said reporting feature comprises an inventory report having a list of the equipment available for rental.

49. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 45 wherein said reporting feature comprises a reservation report having a list of customers who have made a commitment to rent equipment.

50. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 45 wherein said reporting feature comprises an equipment due report having a list of equipment that is out on rental.

51. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 45 wherein said reporting feature comprises a refund report having a list of refunds that have been provided to a customer for a specified date.

52. (Previously Presented) The point of sale system of claim 42, wherein said instructions further provide a marketing section having a marketing message related to the moving equipment rental business.